

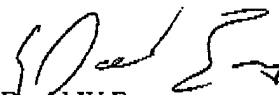
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REMARKS

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 at that time, the application transmittal filed by Applicants dated 7 November 2001 instructed cancellation of claims 1-27 and 30-34 as well as entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed 25 September 2000 in the parent application 09/669,306. However, at the time of the 10/03/03 Office Action the cancellation of claims 1-27 and 30-34 and the Preliminary Amendment had not been entered and the Examiner issued a restriction requirement based on original claims 1-35. Applicants respectfully request entry of the preliminary amendments.

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